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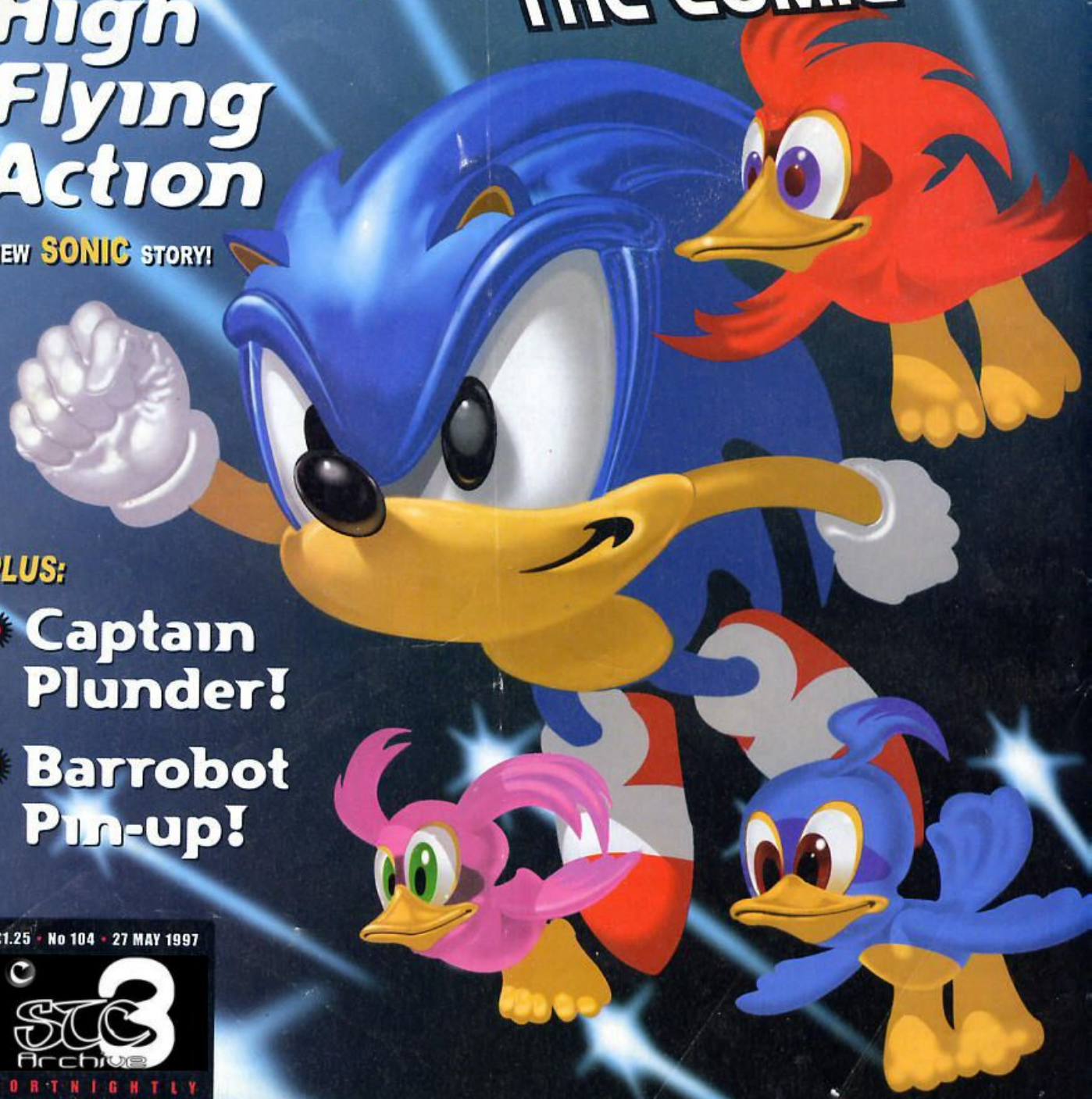

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Here's a sprinkling of what's happening in these pages...the games world's favourite character needs to watch his spikes in the new three part Sonic story: Flickies' Island! Seedy dog Captain Plunder wishes he was off the hook with the Spice Maidens in the second installment of his latest adventure. The Decappers come down with football fever in Funny Old Game, and as for Tails... well you can find out if he's really lost his cool in the concluding part of Flip Side.

Stay tuned next issue when there'll be a treat for Amy fans; she teams up with Tekno as she gets a day off - nice to know some folks get a holiday around here!

Megadroid

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

FLICKIES' ISLAND Part 1

NEW STORY

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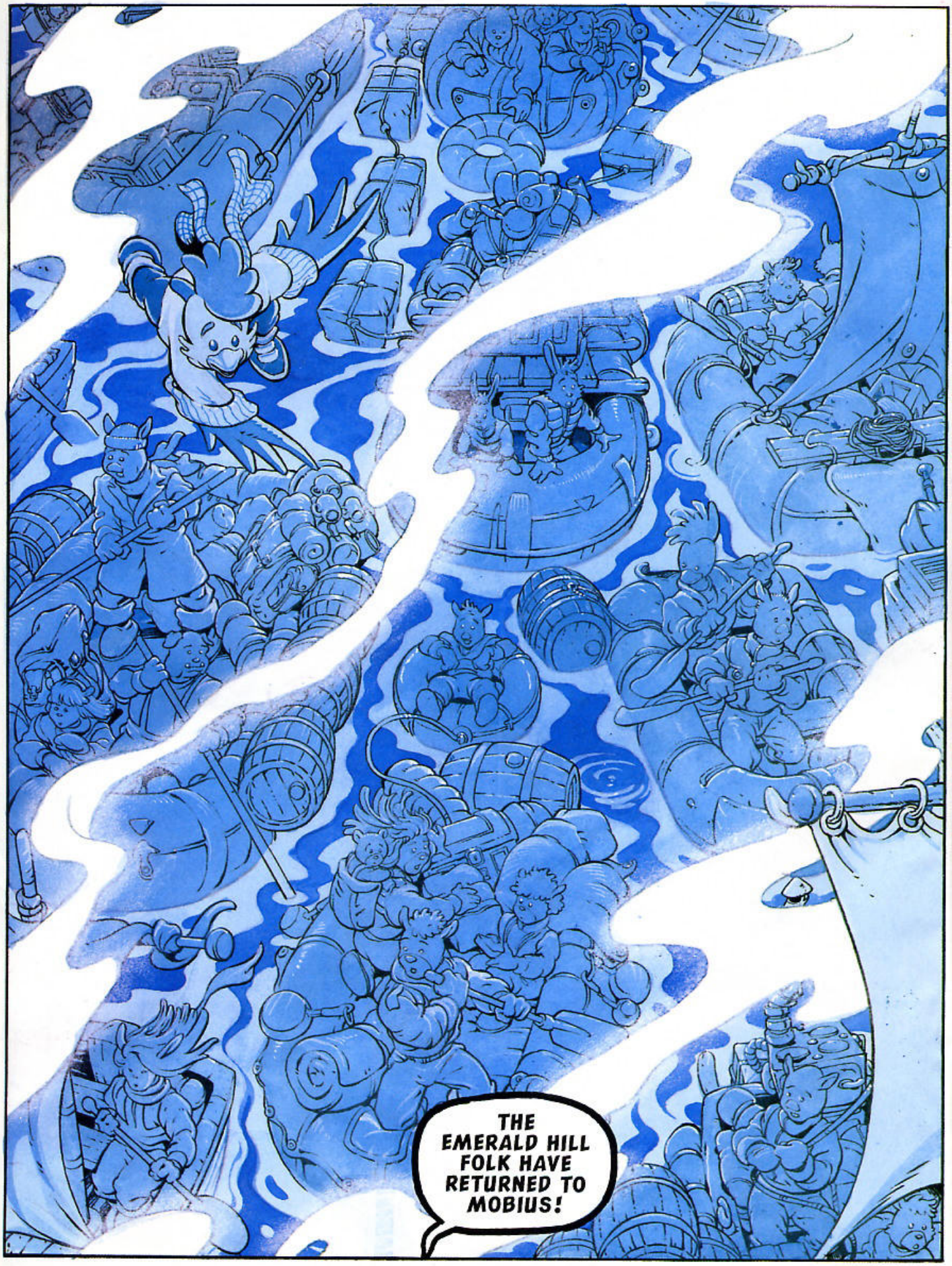
ON A DESERTED BEACH ON THE EAST COAST OF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE STAND SONIC, AMY, TAILS AND JOHNNY...
IS EVERYONE READY?
AS WE'LL EVER BE, SONIC!
SONIC, LOOK! I THINK I SEE SOMETHING!
AMY'S RIGHT... OUT THERE IN THE MIST...
AND HEADING STRAIGHT TOWARDS US!
GET READY, GANG... HERE THEY COME...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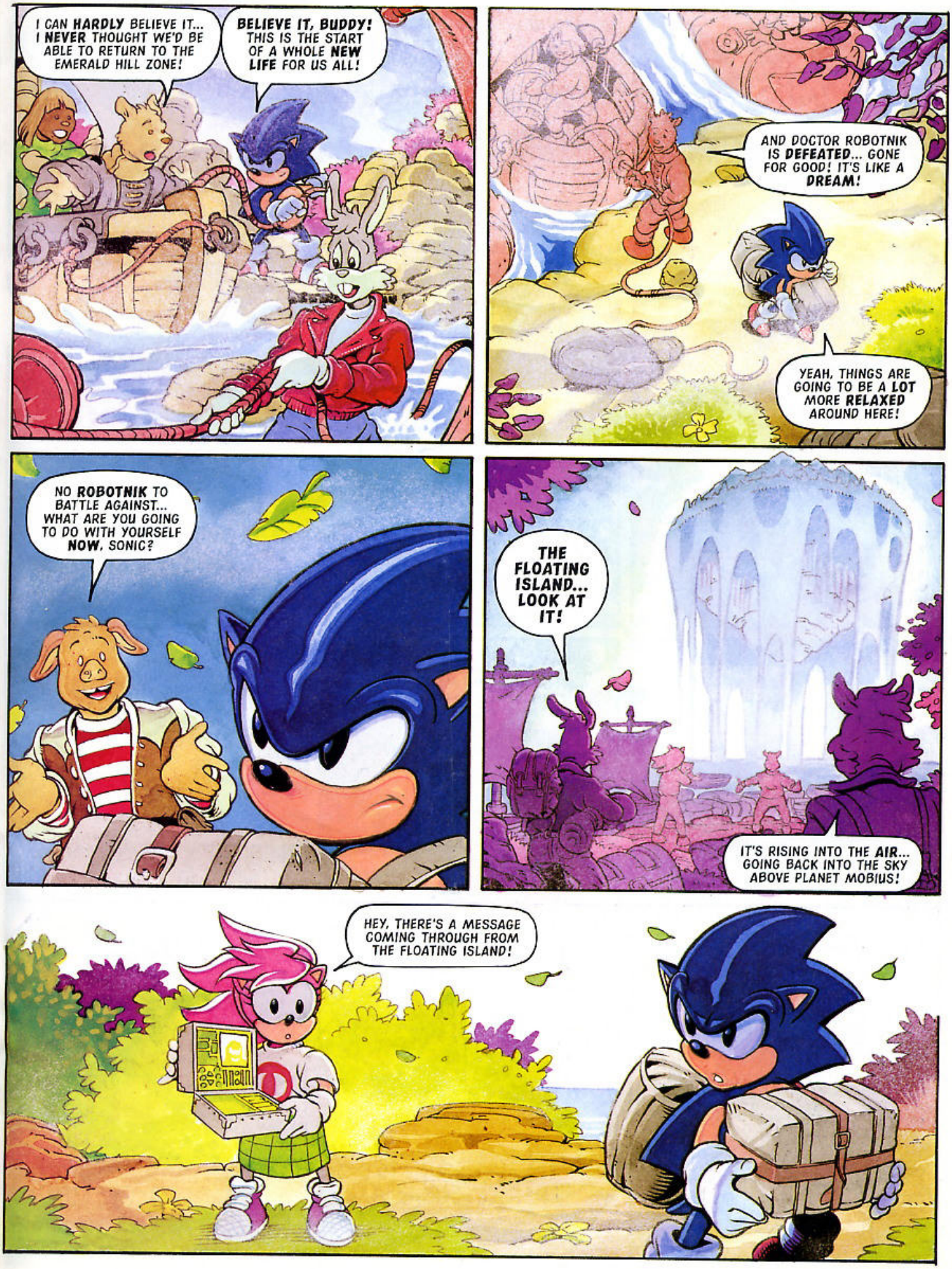
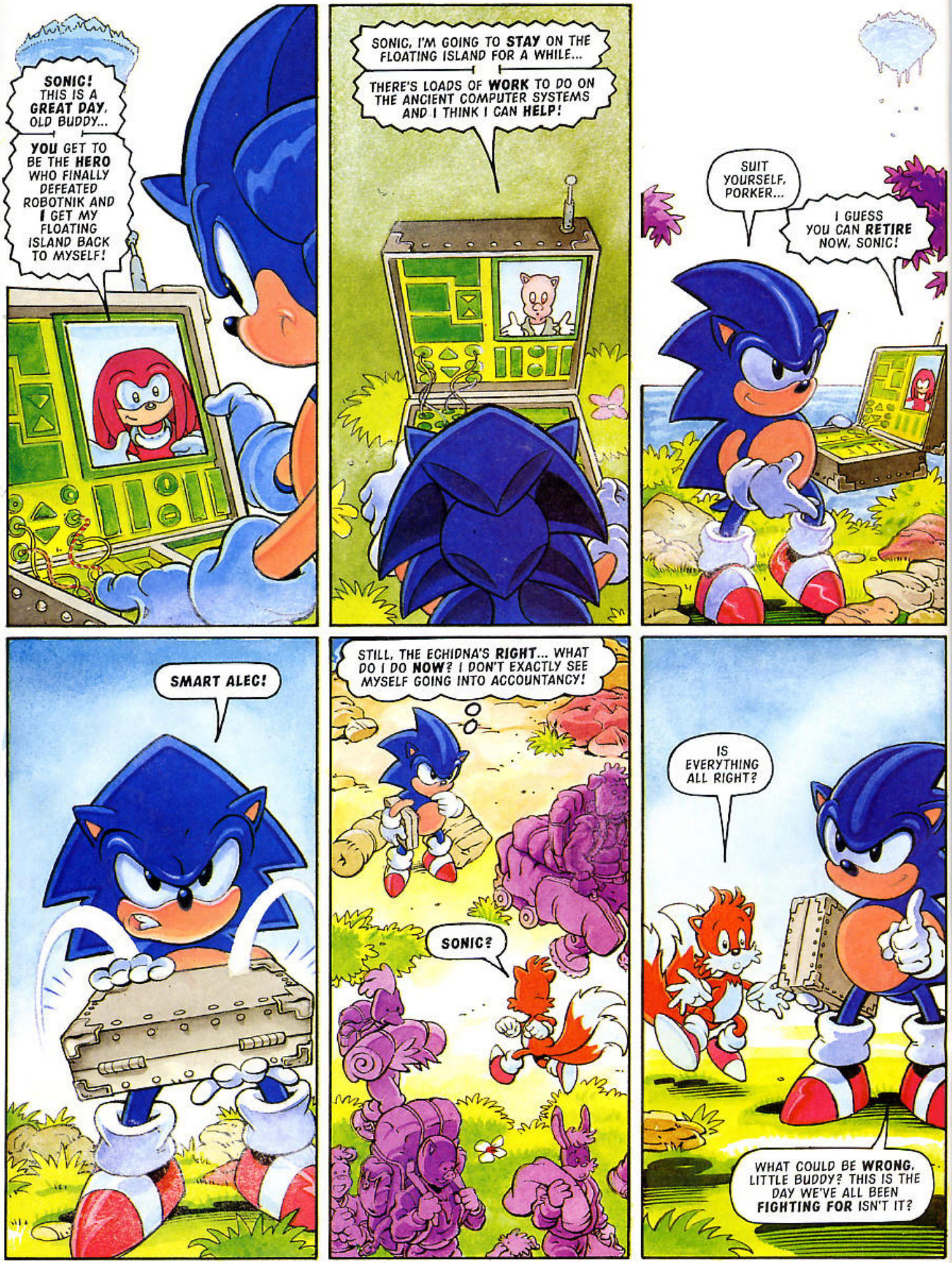
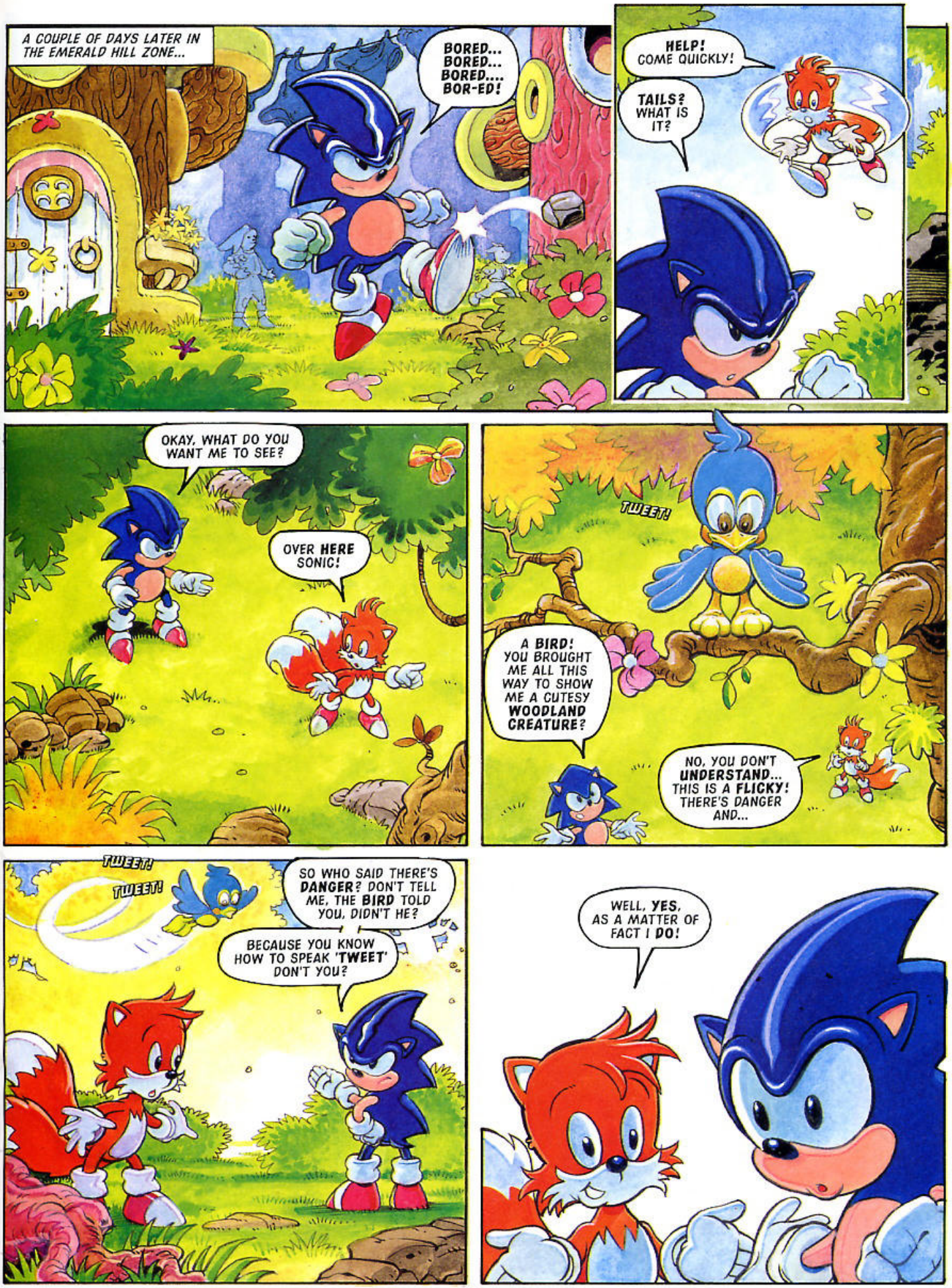
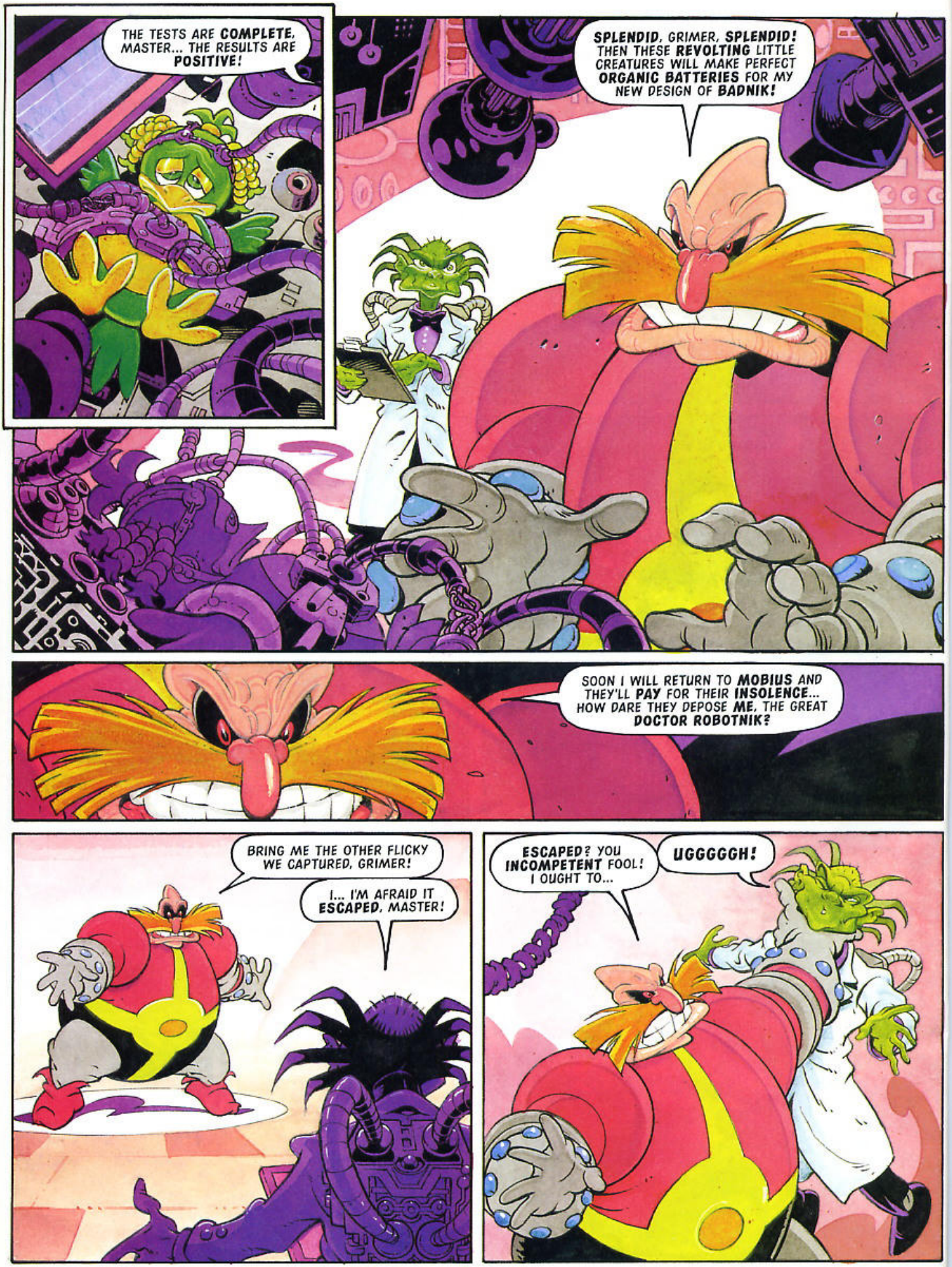
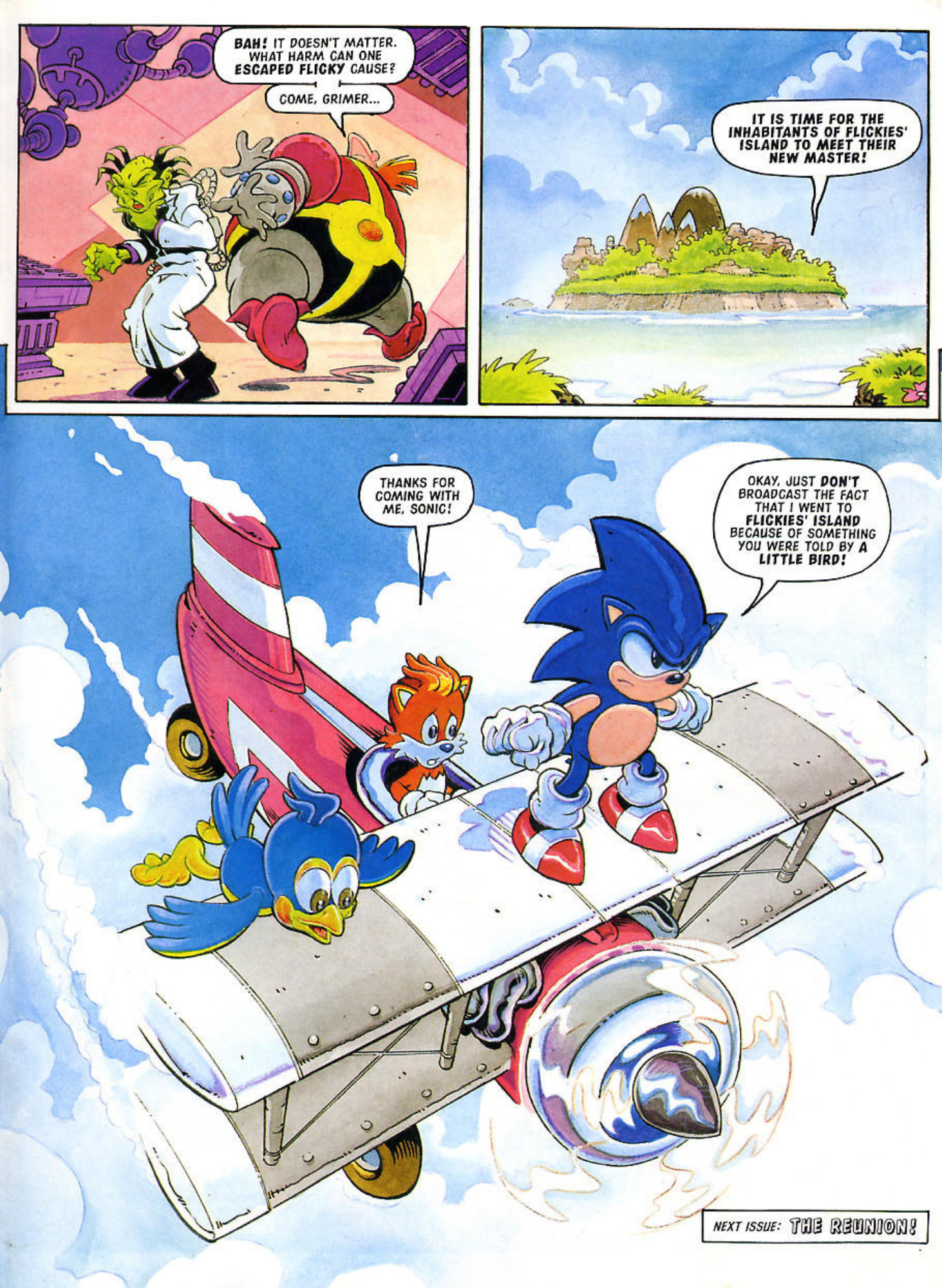
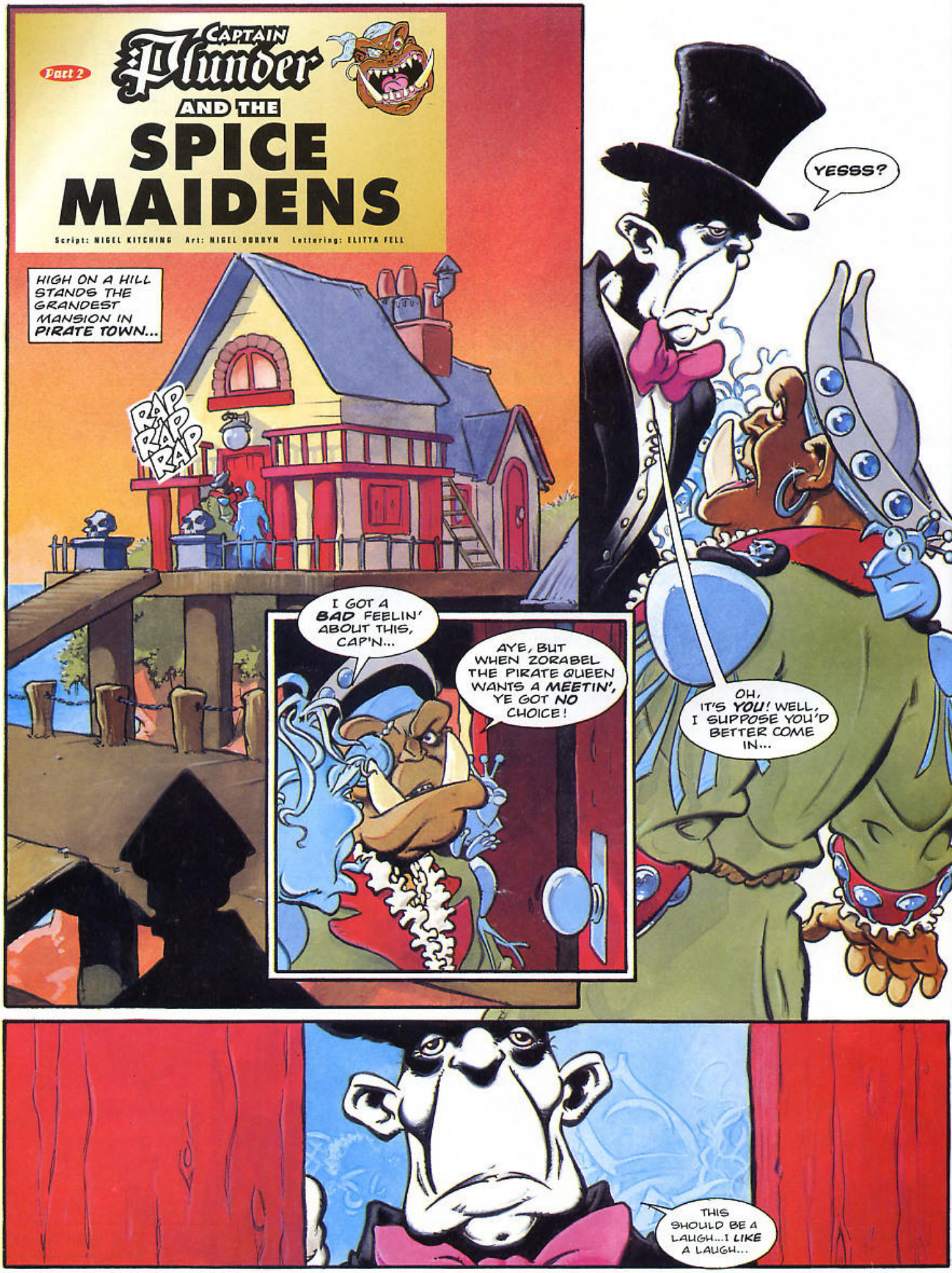

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT... I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE EMERALD HILL ZONE!
BELIEVE IT, BUDDY! THIS IS THE START OF A WHOLE NEW LIFE FOR US ALL!
AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS DEFEATED... GONE FOR GOOD! IT'S LIKE A DREAM!
YEAH, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE A LOT MORE RELAXED AROUND HERE!
NO ROBOTNIK TO BATTLE AGAINST... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH YOURSELF NOW, SONIC?
THE FLOATING ISLAND... LOOK AT IT!
IT'S RISING INTO THE AIR... GOING BACK INTO THE SKY ABOVE PLANET MOBIUS!
HEY, THERE'S A MESSAGE COMING THROUGH FROM THE FLOATING ISLAND!


SONIC! THIS IS A GREAT DAY, OLD BUDDY...
YOU GET TO BE THE HERO WHO FINALLY DEFEATED ROBOTNIK AND I GET MY FLOATING ISLAND BACK TO MYSELF!
SONIC, I'M GOING TO STAY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND FOR A WHILE...
THERE'S LOADS OF WORK TO DO ON THE ANCIENT COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND I THINK I CAN HELP!
SUIT YOURSELF, PORKER...
I GUESS YOU CAN RETIRE NOW, SONIC!
SMART ALEC!
STILL, THE ECHIDNA'S RIGHT... WHAT DO I DO NOW? I DON'T EXACTLY SEE MYSELF GOING INTO ACCOUNTANCY!
SONIC?
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
WHAT COULD BE WRONG, LITTLE BUDDY? THIS IS THE DAY WE'VE ALL BEEN FIGHTING FOR ISN'T IT?


A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE...
BORED... BORED... BORED.... BOR-ED!
HELP! COME QUICKLY!
TAILS? WHAT IS IT?
OKAY, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SEE?
OVER HERE SONIC!
TWEET!
A BIRD! YOU BROUGHT ME ALL THIS WAY TO SHOW ME A CUTESY WOODLAND CREATURE?
NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND... THIS IS A FLICKY! THERE'S DANGER AND...
TWEET!
TWEET!
SO WHO SAID THERE'S DANGER? DON'T TELL ME, THE BIRD TOLD YOU, DIDN'T HE?
BECAUSE YOU KNOW HOW TO SPEAK 'TWEET' DON'T YOU?
WELL, YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT I DO!


THE TESTS ARE COMPLETE, MASTER... THE RESULTS ARE POSITIVE!
SPLENDID, GRIMER, SPLENDID! THEN THESE REVOLTING LITTLE CREATURES WILL MAKE PERFECT ORGANIC BATTERIES FOR MY NEW DESIGN OF BADNIK!
SOON I WILL RETURN TO MOBIUS AND THEY'LL PAY FOR THEIR INSOLENCE... HOW DARE THEY DEPOSE ME, THE GREAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?
BRING ME THE OTHER FLICKY WE CAPTURED, GRIMER!
I... I'M AFRAID IT ESCAPED, MASTER!
ESCAPED? YOU INCOMPETENT FOOL! I OUGHT TO...
UGGGGGH!


BAH! IT DOESN'T MATTER. WHAT HARM CAN ONE ESCAPED FLICKY CAUSE?
COME, GRIMER...
IT IS TIME FOR THE INHABITANTS OF FLICKIES' ISLAND TO MEET THEIR NEW MASTER!
THANKS FOR COMING WITH ME, SONIC!
OKAY, JUST DON'T BROADCAST THE FACT THAT I WENT TO FLICKIES' ISLAND BECAUSE OF SOMETHING YOU WERE TOLD BY A LITTLE BIRD!
NEXT ISSUE: THE REUNION!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CAPTAIN Plunder AND THE SPICE MAIDENS
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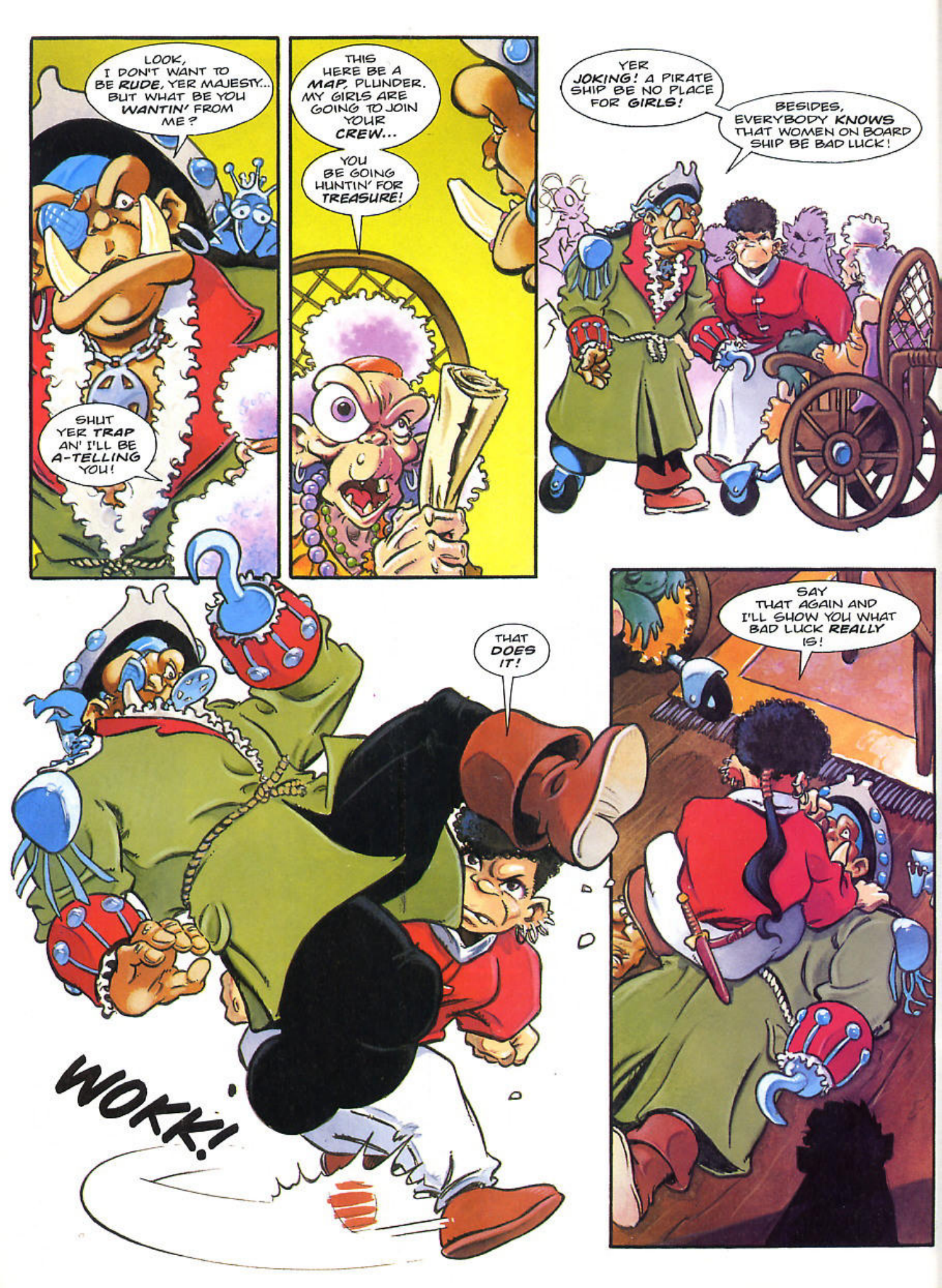
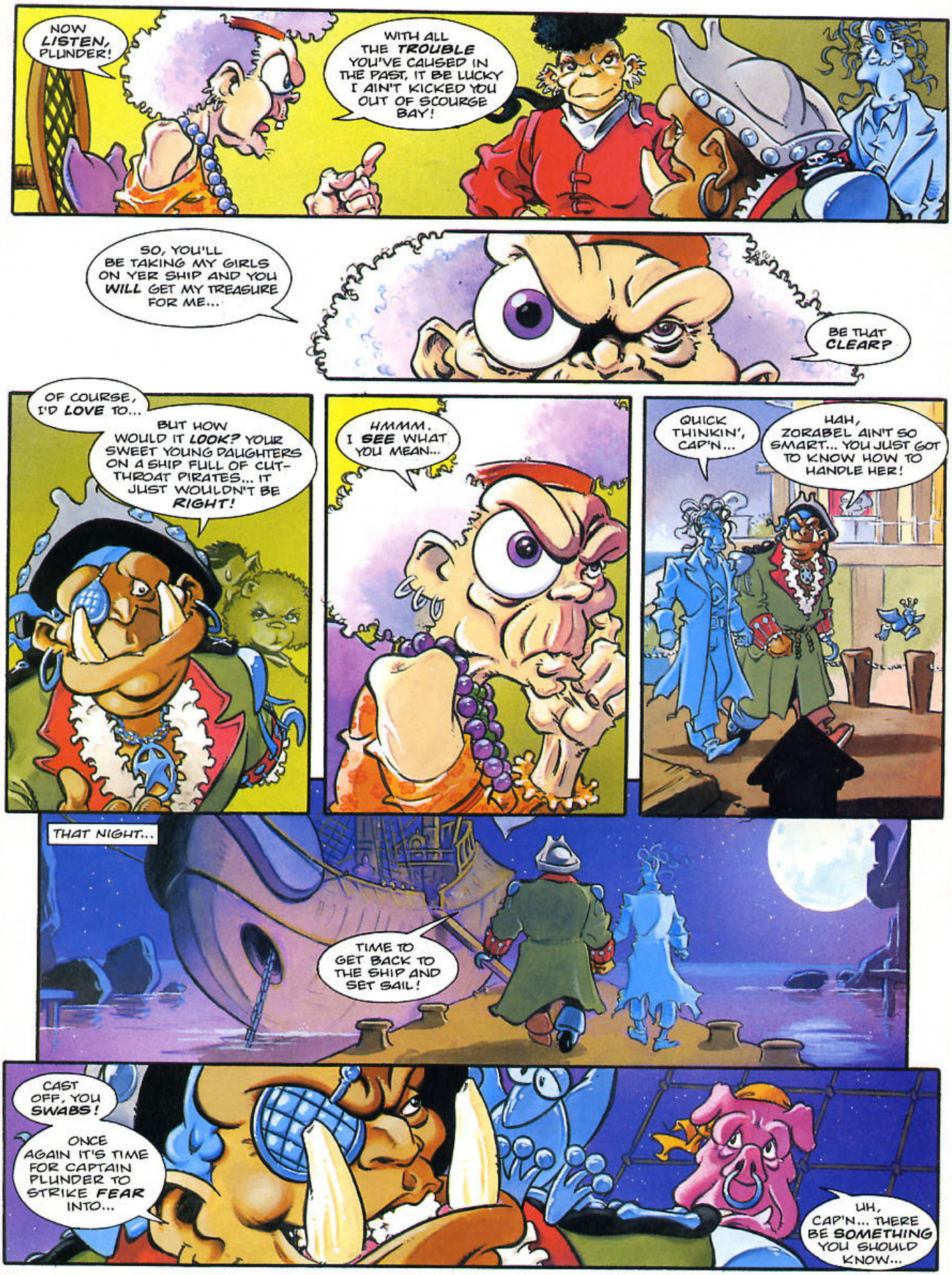
HIGH ON A HILL STANDS THE GRANDEST MANSION IN PIRATE TOWN...
RAP RAP RAP
YESSS?
I GOT A BAD FEELIN' ABOUT THIS, CAP'N...
AYE, BUT WHEN ZORABEL THE PIRATE QUEEN WANTS A MEETIN', YE GOT NO CHOICE!
OH, IT'S YOU! WELL, I SUPPOSE YOU'D BETTER COME IN...
THIS SHOULD BE A LAUGH...I LIKE A LAUGH...

MOMENTS LATER, CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND FILCH MEET ZORABEL AND HER FIVE DAUGHTERS...
FIRST THINGS FIRST!
THIS 'ERE'S MY GIRLS...
'CINNAMON...'
'NUTMEG...'
'CORIANDER...'
'PEPPER...'
'AND FINALLY TARRAGON!'
HE DON'T NEED OUR NAMES, MA, HE CAN JUST CALL US THE SPICE MAIDENS!
HEEHEE-HEEHEEHEE-HEE!
ADVENTURE AWAITS... I AM IMPATIENT TO BEGIN.
CORI'S RIGHT, LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
DO YOU THINK I LOOK TOO PALE IN THIS?


LOOK, I DON'T WANT TO BE RUDE, YER MAJESTY... BUT WHAT BE YOU WANTIN' FROM ME?
SHUT YER TRAP AN' I'LL BE A-TELLING YOU!
THIS HERE BE A MAP, PLUNDER. MY GIRLS ARE GOING TO JOIN YOUR CREW...
YOU BE GOING HUNTIN' FOR TREASURE!
YER JOKING! A PIRATE SHIP BE NO PLACE FOR GIRLS!
BESIDES, EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT WOMEN ON BOARD SHIP BE BAD LUCK!
THAT DOES IT!
WOKK!
SAY THAT AGAIN AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT BAD LUCK REALLY IS!


NOW LISTEN, PLUNDER!
WITH ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE CAUSED IN THE PAST, IT BE LUCKY I AIN'T KICKED YOU OUT OF SCOURGE BAY!
SO, YOU'LL BE TAKING MY GIRLS ON YER SHIP AND YOU WILL GET MY TREASURE FOR ME...
BE THAT CLEAR?
OF COURSE, I'D LOVE TO...
BUT HOW WOULD IT LOOK? YOUR SWEET YOUNG DAUGHTERS ON A SHIP FULL OF CUT-THROAT PIRATES... IT JUST WOULDN'T BE RIGHT!
HMMM. I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...
QUICK THINKIN', CAP'N...
HAH, ZORABEL AIN'T SO SMART... YOU JUST GOT TO KNOW HOW TO HANDLE HER!
THAT NIGHT...
TIME TO GET BACK TO THE SHIP AND SET SAIL!
CAST OFF, YOU SWABS!
ONCE AGAIN IT'S TIME FOR CAPTAIN PLUNDER TO STRIKE FEAR INTO...
UH, CAP'N... THERE BE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW...

WHAT?
WHAT BE YOU DOING HERE?
I SAID NO FEMALES ON MY SHIP! WELL, YOU AIN'T GOT ZORABEL TO PROTECT YOU NOW, SO...
WHAKK!
OWW! WHO DID THAT? I'LL...
YOU WERE RIGHT, PLUNDER! I COULDN'T LEAVE MY GIRLS ALONE ON A SHIP WITH A SLOB LIKE YOU!
SO I FIGURED THAT I WOULD COME ALONG!
WAKK!
LET'S GET GOING, PLUNDER...
I BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS... IT'S YEARS SINCE I BEEN ON A SHIP!
THAT TREASURE BE AS GOOD AS OURS!

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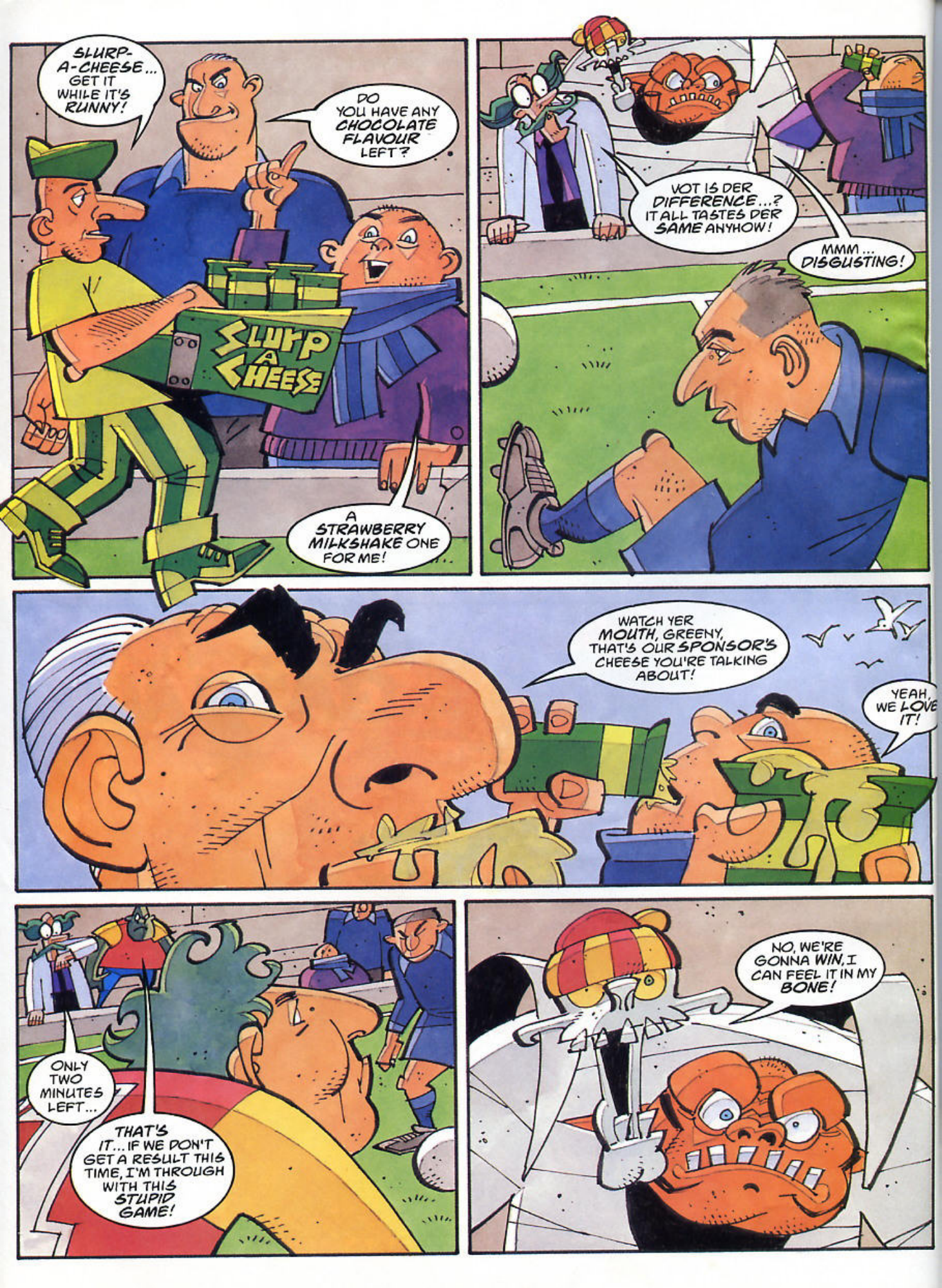
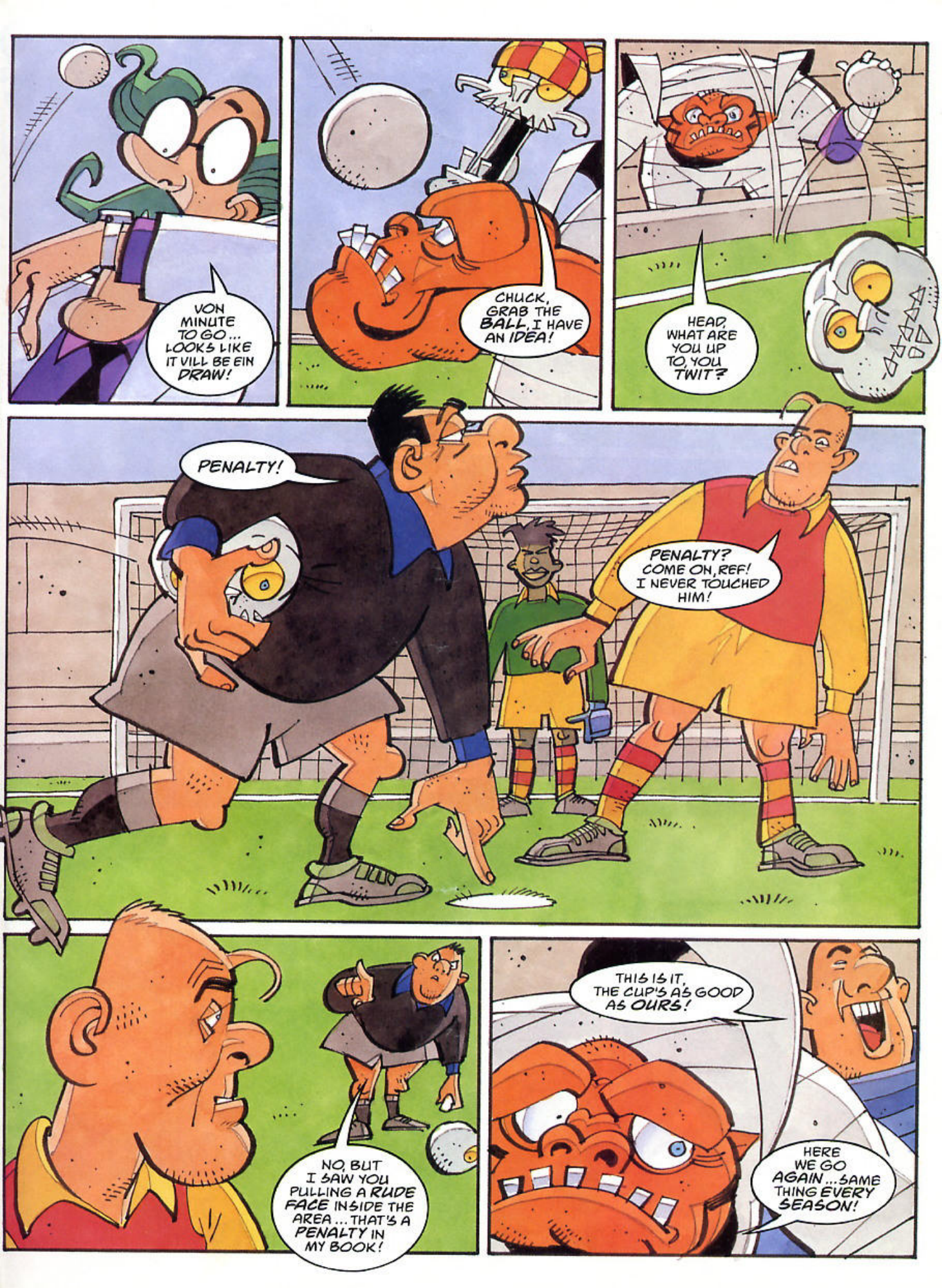
THERE'S FIVE MINUTES TO GO IN THE SLURP-A-CHEESE CUP FINAL...
SLURP A CHEESE
TRANSYLVANIA 2
BLACK FOREST 2
COME ON YOU GARLICS!
TRANSYLVANIA UNITED
GATEAUX
COME OFF IT, HEAD, THE GATEAUX WIN EVERY YEAR... AFTER ALL THEY ARE SPONSORED BY SLURP-A-CHEESE!
IGOR'S RIGHT, AND WHAT'S WORSE, THE BOSS OF SLURP-A-CHEESE IS ALSO THE REFEREE!


SLURP-A-CHEESE... GET IT WHILE IT'S RUNNY!
DO YOU HAVE ANY CHOCOLATE FLAVOUR LEFT?
SLURP A CHEESE
A STRAWBERRY MILKSHAKE ONE FOR ME!
VOT IS DER DIFFERENCE...? IT ALL TASTES DER SAME ANYHOW!
MMM... DISGUSTING!
WATCH YER MOUTH, GREENY, THAT'S OUR SPONSOR'S CHEESE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
YEAH, WE LOVE IT!
ONLY TWO MINUTES LEFT...
THAT'S IT... IF WE DON'T GET A RESULT THIS TIME, I'M THROUGH WITH THIS STUPID GAME!
NO, WE'RE GONNA WIN, I CAN FEEL IT IN MY BONE!


VON MINUTE TO GO... LOOKS LIKE IT VILL BE EIN DRAW!
CHUCK, GRAB THE BALL, I HAVE AN IDEA!
HEAD, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, YOU TWIT?
PENALTY!
PENALTY? COME ON, REF! I NEVER TOUCHED HIM!
NO, BUT I SAW YOU PULLING A RUDE FACE INSIDE THE AREA... THAT'S A PENALTY IN MY BOOK!
THIS IS IT, THE CUP'S AS GOOD AS OURS!
HERE WE GO AGAIN... SAME THING EVERY SEASON!

5
YAAAAAA!
GHOMMP!
WHAT'S HE UP TO?... 'ERE MATE, THIS IS NO TIME TO SHOW OFF YER FANCY BALL CONTROL!
JUST HIT IT!
IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE THIS FOOT AGAIN YOU'LL DO EXACTLY WHAT I TELL YOU!
Y...YOU GOT IT!
5
WHAT'S HE DOING? HE'S GOING THE WRONG WAY!
AH, AH... WATCH OUT FOR MY CORNS!
11
VOT IS DIS? I THOUGHT IT VOS ALL OVER?

IT IS NOW!
HEAD! FOR ONCE YOU DID SOMETHING RIGHT!
IT WAS NOTHING REALLY... I JUST CLOSED MY EYES AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS IN THE BACK OF THE NET!
I FEEL SICK!
THAT'S SLURP-A-CHEESE FOR YOU!
THAT DOES IT, I'LL NEVER SPONSOR A FOOTBALL MATCH AGAIN!
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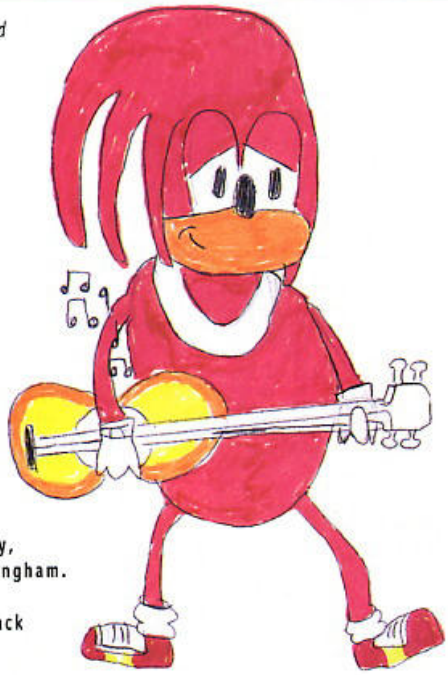

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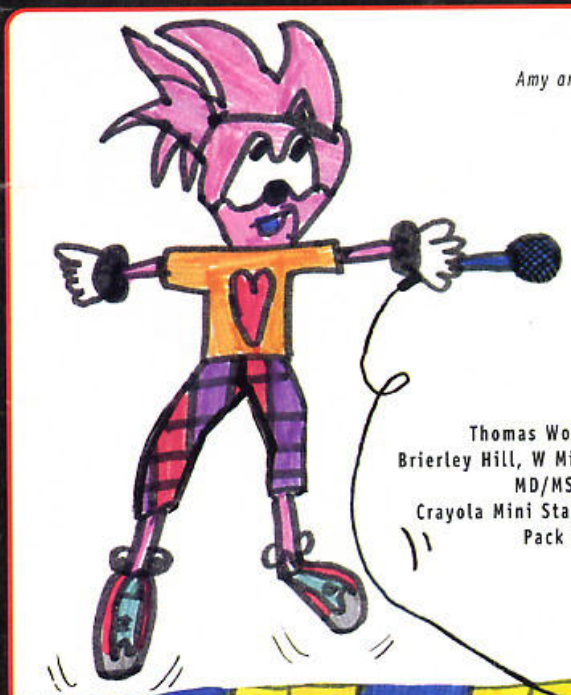

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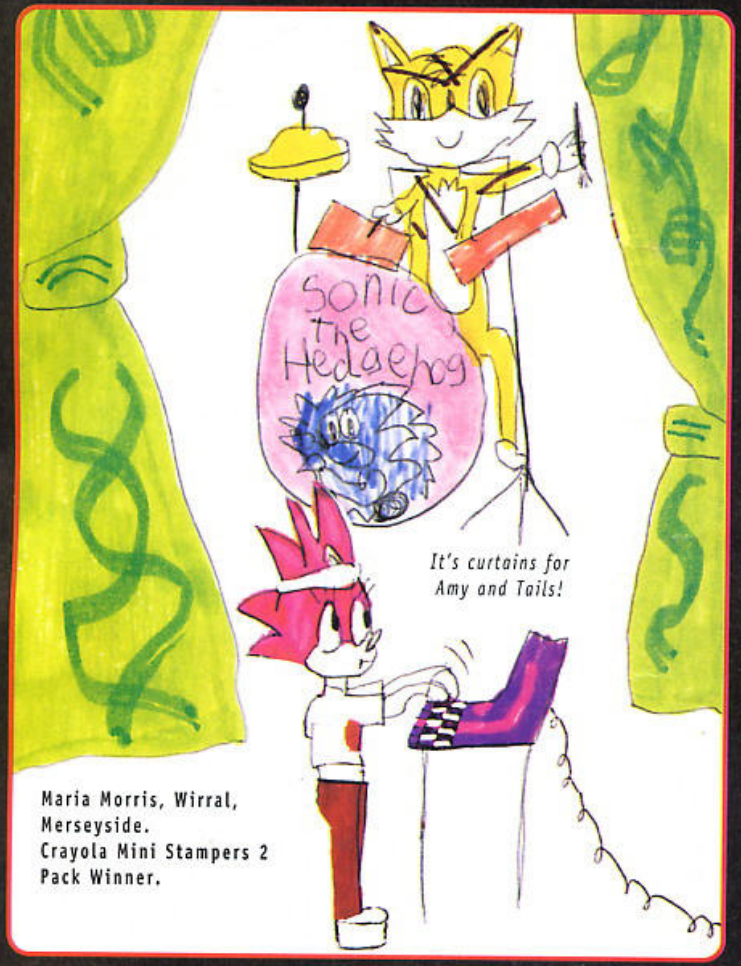

It's curtains for Amy and Tails!

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Amy sings the blues!

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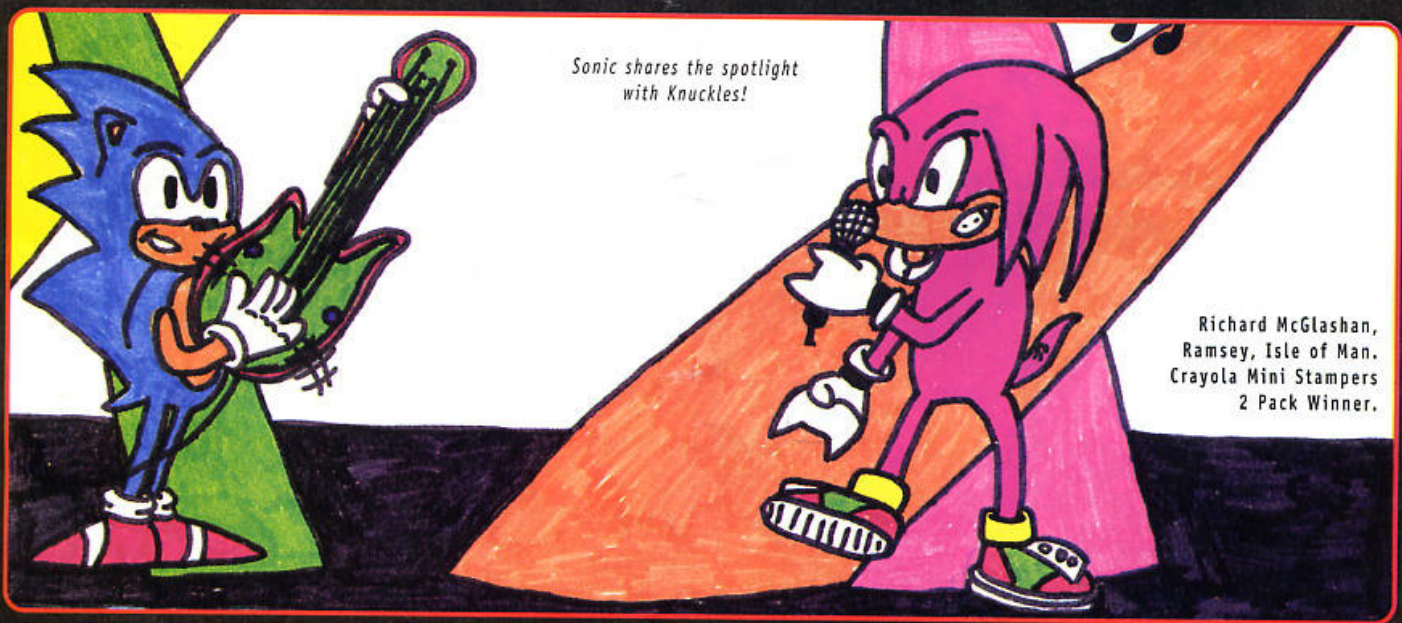

Sonic shares the spotlight with Knuckles!

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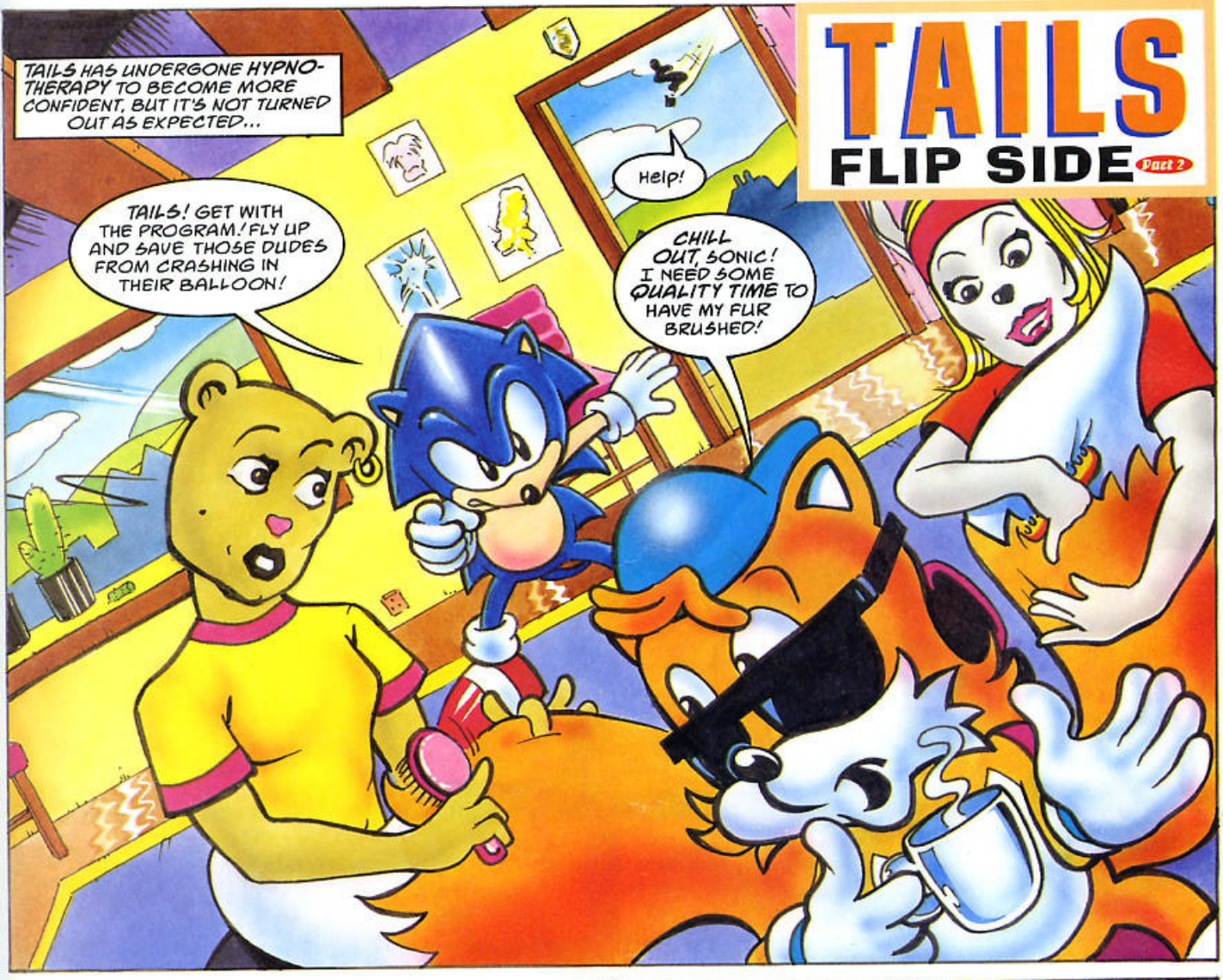
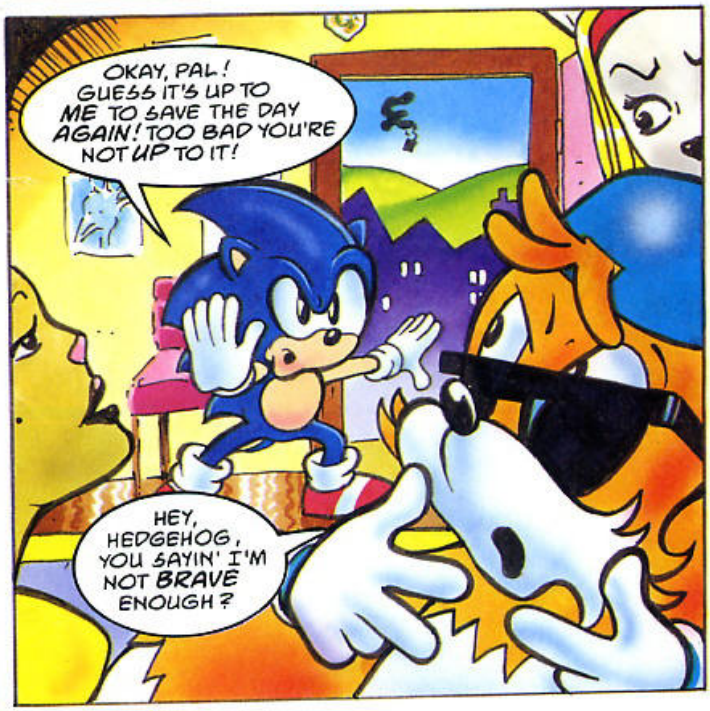

TAILS HAS UNDERGONE HYPNO-THERAPY TO BECOME MORE CONFIDENT, BUT IT'S NOT TURNED OUT AS EXPECTED...
TAILS! GET WITH THE PROGRAM! FLY UP AND SAVE THOSE DUDES FROM CRASHING IN THEIR BALLOON!
Help!
CHILL OUT, SONIC! I NEED SOME QUALITY TIME TO HAVE MY FUR BRUSHED!



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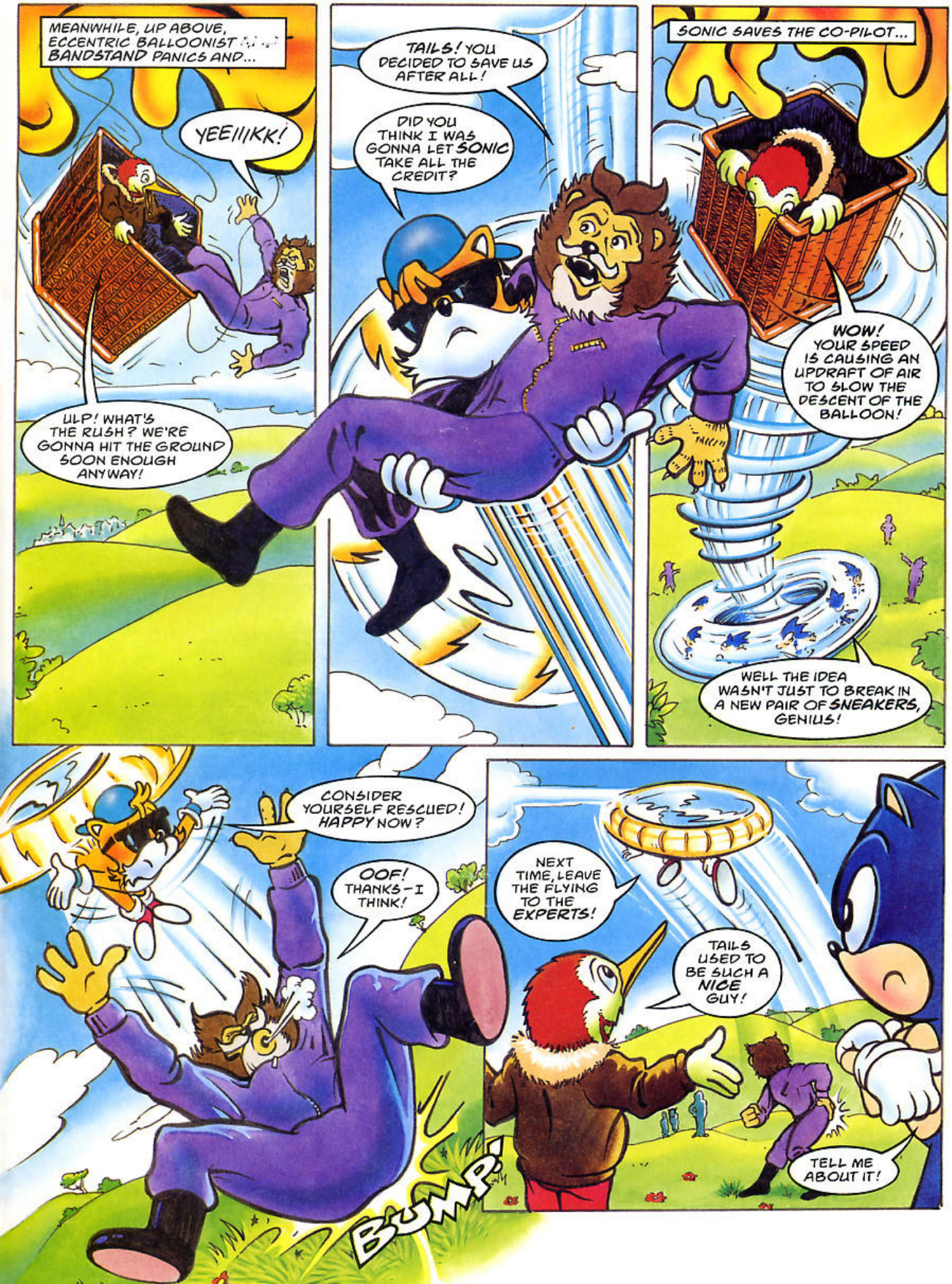
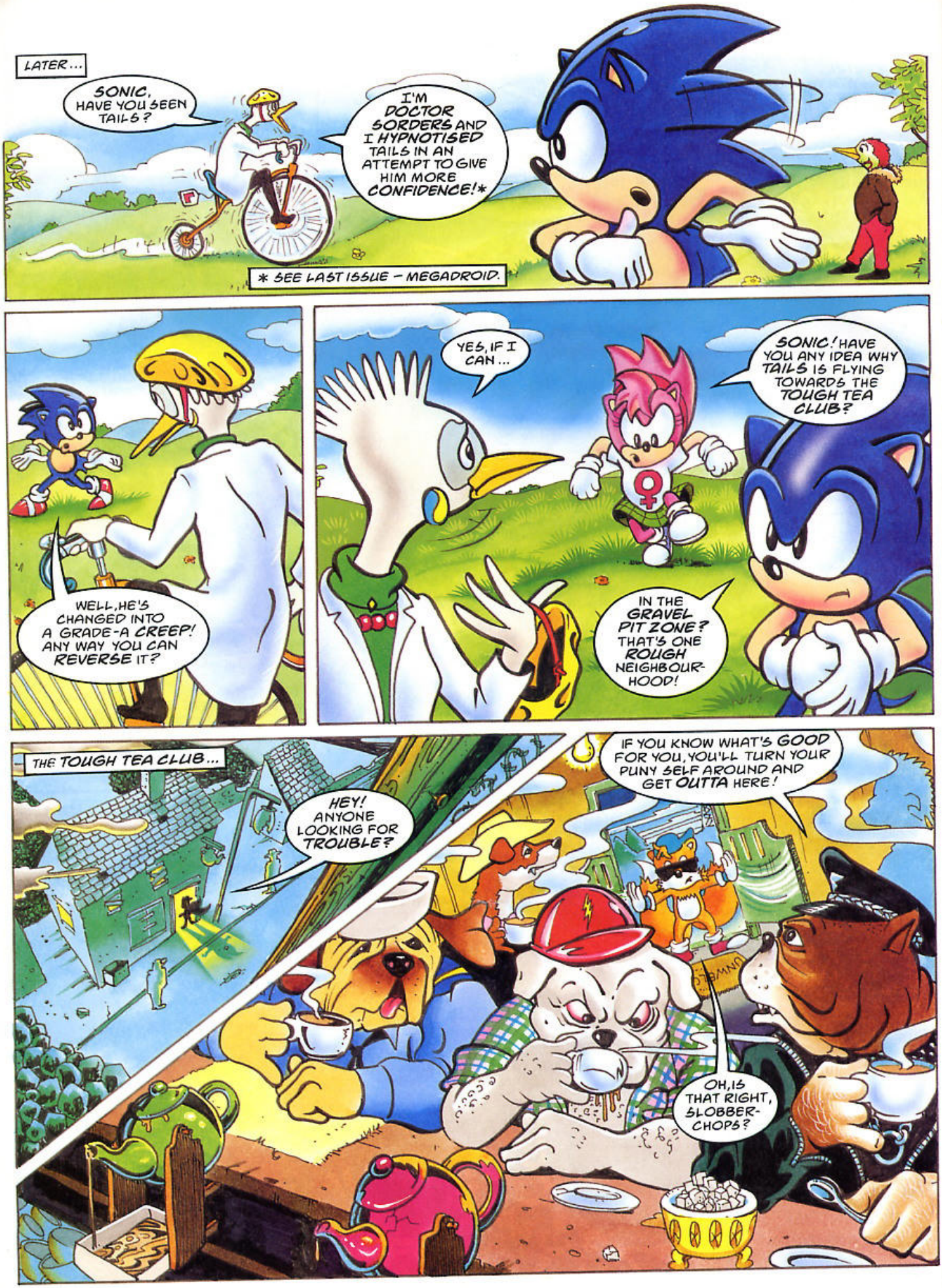
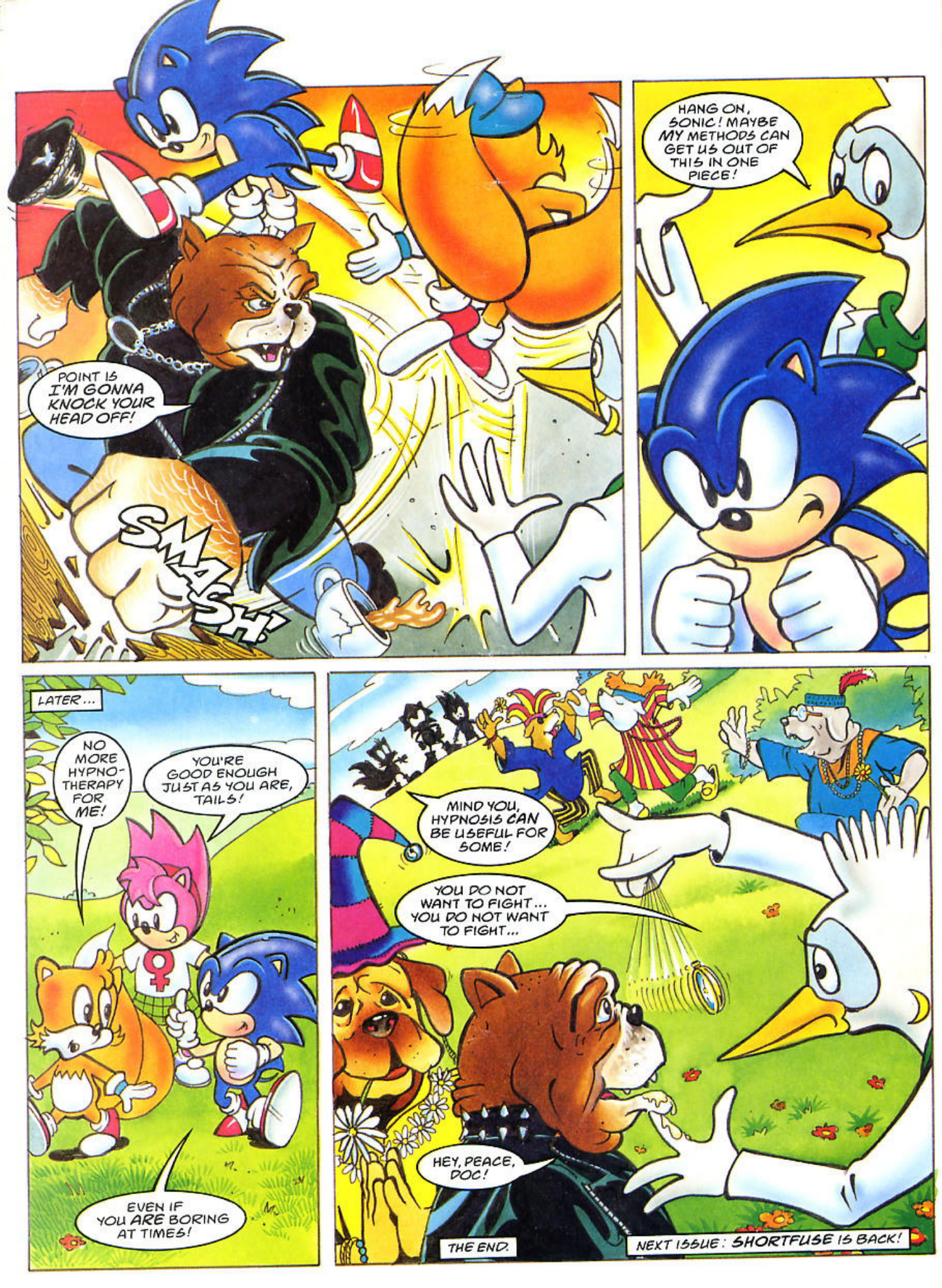
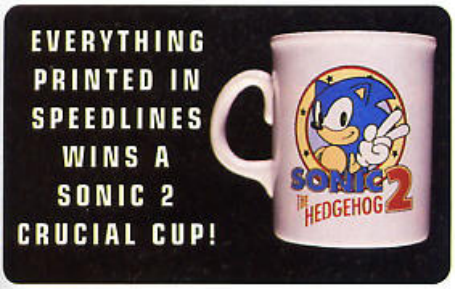

MEANWHILE, UP ABOVE, ECCENTRIC BALLOONIST BANDSTAND PANICS AND...
YEEIIIKK!
ULP! WHAT'S THE RUSH? WE'RE GONNA HIT THE GROUND SOON ENOUGH ANYWAY!
TAILS! YOU DECIDED TO SAVE US AFTER ALL!
DID YOU THINK I WAS GONNA LET SONIC TAKE ALL THE CREDIT?
SONIC SAVES THE CO-PILOT...
WOW! YOUR SPEED IS CAUSING AN UPDRAFT OF AIR TO SLOW THE DESCENT OF THE BALLOON!
WELL THE IDEA WASN'T JUST TO BREAK IN A NEW PAIR OF SNEAKERS, GENIUS!
CONSIDER YOURSELF RESCUED! HAPPY NOW?
OOF! THANKS - I THINK!
BUMP!
NEXT TIME, LEAVE THE FLYING TO THE EXPERTS!
TAILS USED TO BE SUCH A NICE GUY!
TELL ME ABOUT IT!


LATER...
SONIC, HAVE YOU SEEN TAILS?
I'M DOCTOR SORDERS AND I HYPNOTISED TAILS IN AN ATTEMPT TO GIVE HIM MORE CONFIDENCE!*
* SEE LAST ISSUE – MEGADROID.
WELL, HE'S CHANGED INTO A GRADE-A CREEP! ANY WAY YOU CAN REVERSE IT?
YES, IF I CAN...
SONIC! HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHY TAILS IS FLYING TOWARDS THE TOUGH TEA CLUB?
IN THE GRAVEL PIT ZONE? THAT'S ONE ROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD!
THE TOUGH TEA CLUB...
HEY! ANYONE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE?
IF YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU, YOU'LL TURN YOUR PUNY SELF AROUND AND GET OUTTA HERE!
OH, IS THAT RIGHT, SLOBBER-CHOPS?

YOU'VE JUST SPILLED MY EARL GREY!
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT IT, MUTT?
YOUR TAILS ARE HISTORY, FOX!
HOLD IT, GUYS! TAILS DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING!
I KNOW I CAN TAKE OUT THIS BUNCH WITH MY EYES CLOSED!
TOUGH TALK, PUNK!
DO YOUR STUFF, DOC!
TAILS! WHEN I CLICK MY FINGERS YOU WILL RETURN TO NORMAL!
SNAP!
OO-ER! WHERE AM I?
ULP! SUSPECT I'VE BEEN ACTING A BIT OUT OF ORDER, HAVEN'T I?
THAT'S ONE WAY TO PUT IT!
NO HARM DONE, DUDES! LET US PASS!
GRUNT!
OI! HEDGEHOG! NO! I RESPECT YOUR SUPER-SPEED AGILITY AND HEROIC DEEDS, BUT IF YOU AND YOUR TWIN-TAILED PAL THINK YOU CAN GOAD US INTO A FIGHT AND THEN WALK OFF, YOU CAN FORGET IT!
JUST GET TO THE POINT!


POINT IS I'M GONNA KNOCK YOUR HEAD OFF!
SMASH!
HANG ON, SONIC! MAYBE MY METHODS CAN GET US OUT OF THIS IN ONE PIECE!
LATER...
NO MORE HYPNO-THERAPY FOR ME!
YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH JUST AS YOU ARE, TAILS!
EVEN IF YOU ARE BORING AT TIMES!
MIND YOU, HYPNOSIS CAN BE USEFUL FOR SOME!
YOU DO NOT WANT TO FIGHT... YOU DO NOT WANT TO FIGHT...
HEY, PEACE, DOC!
THE END.
NEXT ISSUE: SHORTFUSE IS BACK!

EITHER POST YOUR MAIL TO:-
SPEEDLINES, SONIC THE COMIC, 25/31 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON WC1H 9SU.
... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).



HOSTILE HOSTESS!

Dear *STC*,

I am holding Sonic captive in a top secret location with a new super-trooper on guard. It is pointless trying to save him! However, I have decided to let you know that I am prepared to release him if you give me a Sonic 2 Crucial Cup. If I don't receive one soon, you can say bye-bye to your precious hedgehog! HaHaHaHa!

The Mystery Villain,
c/o Claire Fletcher,
North Cheam, Surrey.
Sonic 3 Crucial Cup Winner.

PS: Don't blame Claire for this, I'm holding her captive as well!

I've got news for you, MV, your hedgehog is obviously an imposter! HaHaHaHa!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dear *STC*,

I've been wondering just what happened to Tekno, Shortfuse and the secret laboratory following the electromagnetic pulse effect, so what's the situation?

Callum Hay, Kilwinning, Scotland.
Sonic 3 Crucial Cup Winner.

Following Doctor Robotnik's defeat, Callum, the Freedom Fighters don't have to hide out in the lab anymore. However, Tekno still uses the workshop to build her gadgets in (catch her in STC 105, and find out what Shortfuse is up to in STC 106).

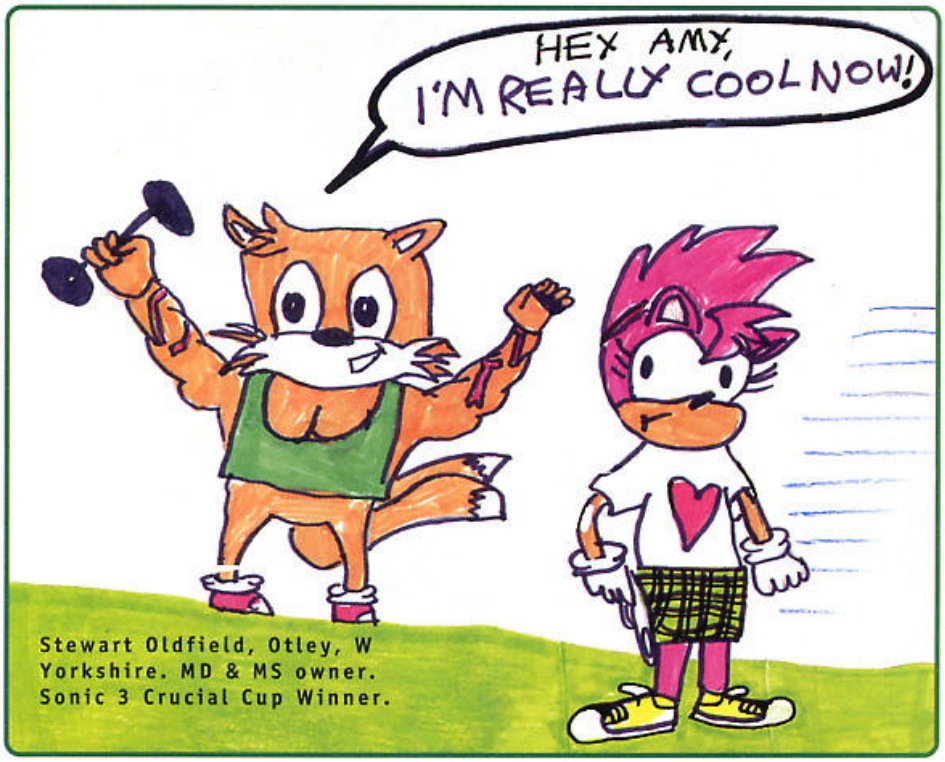
GRILLING GRIMER!

Dear Megadroid,

I'm probably not the first person to notice that Grimer sometimes has a pack on his back, but what I would like to know is if the pack is to help him breath, or does it have another use?

Jonathan Smith,
Kidderminster,
Worcester.
MD owner.
Sonic 3 Crucial Cup Winner.

Or is it Jonathan, because Richard Elson drew it?



Stewart Oldfield, Otley, W Yorkshire. MD & MS owner.
Sonic 3 Crucial Cup Winner.